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## BAUCUS PICK APPOINTED TO SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD

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*Washington, DC* – Acting on the recommendation of Senator Max Baucus, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, Senate President pro tempore Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) today appointed Marsha Katz of Missoula, Montana to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board. The Social Security Advisory Board (SSAB) is an independent, bipartisan board created by Congress to advise the President, the Congress, and the Commissioner of Social Security on matters related to the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs.

"Marsha's years of experience working as an advocate for Americans with disabilities will be a huge asset to the Social Security Advisory Board," Baucus said. "Marsha knows the Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Income Security programs inside and out, and I'm sure she'll have an immediate effect on the work of the advisory board."

Marsha Katz has worked on disability rights for 25 years. She is currently employed as an Organizational Consultant for the Rural Institute at the University of Montana. She previously served as Vice President of the Association for Community Advocacy in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is an experienced trainer in all aspects of the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income programs.

Ms. Katz has written an advocacy manual on SSDI and SSI entitled "Don't Look for Logic," published in 2003 by TRN Publishers, and formerly published by Arc Michigan (May 2000).